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Corps accepting comments on Paint Branch restoration project

Baltimore – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District is accepting public comments on the environmental assessment report for construction of the Paint Branch Fish Passage and Stream Restoration project in the Anacostia River Watershed in Prince George's County, Md. The environmental assessment finds that activities associated with the construction of these projects will not cause any significant impact.

The proposed stream restoration project recommends removing a fish blockage for blueback herring and alewife herring and restoring the stream channel and its associated habitats. These improvements will benefit both migratory fish and resident fish over a one-mile reach of Paint Branch and reopen approximately six miles of upstream habitat.

The environmental assessment outlines what potential impacts the construction of this project will have to the aquatic ecosystem, water, air and traffic. It also considers any impact to endangered and threatened species, hazardous, toxic or radioactive substances, as well as flooding, cultural resources and the general needs and welfare of the public. The proposed construction will occur along a one-mile stretch of Paint Branch between Md. Route 193 and U.S. Route 1, east of Paint Branch Drive.

Copies of the environmental assessment are available on the Corps' Web site at http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/publications/non-reg_pub.htm, and at Prince George's County Public Library branches in Beltsville, Greenbelt and Hyattsville.

Anyone interested in submitting a comment or question must do so by July 30 by writing the Corps at:
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